Write-up captioned "The Mighty Babu"

3274. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a write-up which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 3rd October, 1987 under the caption "The Mighty Babu' where in it has been stated that Fire Officer of NDMC harassed owners of five star hotels and put them to a loss;

(b) whether any enquiry has been ordered into the conduct of the Fire Officer, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any action has been taken against the said Officer and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With the coming into force of the Building Bye-laws. 1983 the completion certificate for a high-rise building can be granted only on the issue of a 'no objection certificate' by the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi. Such a certificate can be granted only when all the prescribed measures for fire fighting and means of escape are provided. The team from the Delhi Fire Service had visited the Hotel Meridian on the 18 September, 1987 and had issued the 'no objection certificate' on the 21st September, 1987. on being satisfied that the requisite provisions have been made. There has not been any delay on the part of the Chief Fire Officer and no harassment caused to anybody

(c) Does not arise.

Non-availability of yarn for Handloom Industry in Madhya Pradesh

3275. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware that the handloom industry in Madhya Pradesh is suffering because of the non-availability of yarn;

(b) if so, whether any cooperative spinning mill is likely to be established in Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(c) whether Government have received a proposal from the State Government for the establishement of three cooperative spinning mills at Raipur, Jabalpur, and Ujjain dnring the Seventh Five Year Plan period, and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not according sanction to the proposal as yet?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) There is no special problem about the availability of yarn in Madhya Pradesh, even though price of yarn has been ruling high in the recent past. There is no proposal to establish any cooperative spinning mill in Madhya Pradesh during the Seventh Plan Period.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

Import of Plain Plastic Films

3276. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have since 16th June, 1986 given liberal tax concession for the import of plain plastic film which is used for manufacturing of capacitors;

(b) whether Government are aware that the aforesaid liberal import coupled with the imposition of 160 per cent duty on ply-propline golding power|granules has resulted in increasing the cost of the manufacturing of plain plastic films manifold with the result that all the indigenous units are running at a loss; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that the indi-

genous units are not made to suffer in view of faulty liberalisation of imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The basic customs duty on plain plastic films (other than plain polystyrene film) of thickness 12 microns or below, used for the manufacture of plastic film capacitors, was reduced from 40 per cent to 30 per cent ad-valorem with effect from the 16th June, 1986.

(b) and (c) Having regard to the increase in the international prices of polypropylene, Government have reduced the basic customs duty on polypropylene and copolymers of propylene to 20 percent ad-valorem with effect from the 15th September, 1987. The total duty leviable at present is 114.5 per cent ad-valorem.

Agitation by Jagrut Goencharanchi Fauz

3277. SHRI P N SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent agitation of the Jagrut Goencheranchi Fauz at the Dabolim airport against certain foreign tourists; and

(b) it so, what are the main demands of the JGF and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) A small group of people who have formed Jagrut Goencharanchi Fauz have agitated against "luxury tourism" in Goa by establishment of 5 start hotels. The Government of Goa have published a master plan on tourism for inviting suggestions.

Places of worship in Delhi

3278. SHRI P N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Temples, Mosques, Churches and Gurdwaras existing in Delhi; and

(b) what is the number of snch religious places constructed during the last ten years.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the Delhi Development Authority, there were about 4400 religious places in Delhi in December, 1985.

Financial assistance for setting up an Exhibition Authority in Krnataka

3279. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for providing financial assistance through LIC to set up a State level exhibition authority in Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State Government of Karnataka have already been apprised of the position on 28.11.1987 that it would be difficult for the LIC to spare funds for the proposed Exhibition complex at Bangalore, in view of its commitments for investment of major portion of their resources in Socially Oriented projects as per allocations made by the Planning Commission and also for providing additional funds for speedy funding of Water Supply & Sewerage Schemes due to the current drought situation in the country.